

ANARCHY IN OHIO.

The Growing Sentiment of Lynching in all Sections of the Country.

The deplorable state of anarchy now existent in Springfield, Ohio, invests with peculiar interest a series of editorial expressions regarding lynchings in the United States, collated by the Pen and Pencil Club, of this city. It will be remembered that a high ecclesiastical prelate, Bishop Brown, of Arkansas, a few days ago gave utterance to sentiments far more favorable to the idea of lawlessness and lynchings than could reasonably be expected from so distinguished a subscriber to the doctrines of Christian ethics.

That all thoughtful men are becoming alarmed at the rapidity with which the firebrands of race hatred and contempt of law are overspreading the land, may be easily inferred from the following editorials clipped at random from representative journals, religious and secular, located in widely separated sections of the country. Note first the powerful indictment charged by a leading southern journal, the Vicksburg Herald, called forth by the lynching of a colored man, Holbert, and his wife. According to an eye witness writing in that newspaper, they "were tied to trees and while the funeral pyres were being prepared were forced to suffer the most fiendish tortures," and "to hold out their hands while one finger at a time was chopped off and distributed as souvenirs," while "the most excruciating form of punishment consisted in the use of a large corkscrew, which was bored into the arms, legs, and body of the man and women, and then pulled out, the spirals tearing out large pieces of raw, quivering flesh every time it was withdrawn." Of this the Herald says: "If there is any hell, and if it is the abode of devils, they must have turned green with envy of the genius of their brethren on earth."

Who is responsible for the state of the public mind which renders such awful tragedies possible? Here is what the Springfield Republican has to say:

"There is responsibility for this fearful affair which approaches very near to men who speak as does Bishop Brown, and it rests heavily on men of the class of Gov. Vardaman, of Mississippi."

Similar views are expressed by the Southwestern Christian Advocate, organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for it says:

"We firmly believe that the Vardaman gubernatorial canvas is at the bottom of this heart-sickening affair. He went in to convince his fellow citizens that the Negro is, if anything, less than human. Many who heard him turned from the speaker convinced that the Negro is unworthy of consideration and has no rights which they need respect."

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

The Indianapolis Freeman has come down from its former high plane and is now being run on an amateur journalistic line. Its latest is a "Want-to-know" column, evidently conducted by a would-be journalist of the most pronounced cross-roads type.—*Afro-American Ledger*.

THE NEGRO AND THE NEWS-PAPER.

"Colored people as a class are not extensive newspaper readers. They rarely know of anything that is going on except when they are told. It was announced in the daily newspapers not long ago that Civil Service examination would be held for messenger boys and out of the hundreds of boys that made application, not a single colored boy appeared. Our youths of today have the same opportunity as the white youths to take and to pass these examinations, and it is criminal the way these opportunities are neglected."—*The Colored American*.

It can be said that the younger element are not extensive readers, but go to the home of the masses and you will find them three to one, nearly every white paper published in the community, and one to three, or now and then, will you find a Negro publication; and on finding the latter, an investigation would most likely show that the person to whom it is addressed is in arrears with his subscription to the amount of several months, more or less, while the white publication in the same home is paid for, if at all, in advance.

But Bro. Cooper speaks truthfully when he says "it is criminal the way these opportunities are neglected." Many a good opportunity has been thrown away simply on account of negligence, and the sooner our young people open their eyes to these facts, the sooner and better will our conditions become as a people.—*Afro-American Citizen*, Nashville, Tenn.

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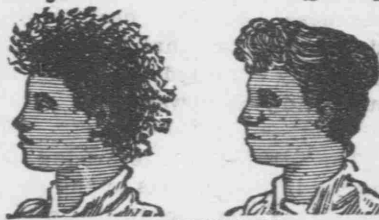
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